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HOUSE RESOLUTION 177
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A RESOLUTION to memorialize the U.S. Congress relative to the appropriation of federal highway funds.

WHEREAS, federal taxes comprise a significant portion of the total cost of each gallon of gasoline purchased in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a sizeable portion of federal gasoline taxes is deposited into the federal highway fund; and

WHEREAS, there are presently proposals pending before the U.S. Congress to appropriate some federal highway monies for demonstration projects in the various states; and

WHEREAS, such demonstration projects may involve the appropriation of federal highway monies to projects that are not directly related to transportation; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, monies collected from fuel taxes and transportation related activities have been utilized solely for transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, this sound public policy of dedicating transportation monies to transportation purposes has served Tennessee well; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Bob Clement has done an outstanding job of securing transportation funds for the state of Tennessee, including his efforts to secure funding for passenger railways; and

WHEREAS, although this body deeply appreciates the efforts of Congressman Bob Clement, a member with deep-rooted ties to Tennessee and a tireless proponent for this great

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state, this body respectfully disagrees with any attempt to allocate federal funds derived from the use of highways for non-transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, this body is deeply concerned that the numerous transportation needs of this state and this nation may be severely compromised if non-transportation projects, (although they be of great merit) are funded with federal highway monies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That this House of Representatives hereby humbly urges and encourages the U.S. Congress to refrain from appropriating federal highway monies to fund demonstration projects that are not directly related to transportation needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby humbly urges and encourages the U.S. Congress to return to the great state of Tennessee ninety-five percent (95%) of the federal transportation taxes collected in Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the House is directed to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the Speaker and the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives; the President and the Secretary of the U.S. Senate; and to each member of the Tennessee Congressional delegation.